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Credentials of representatives to the Conference

Report of the Credentials Committee

1. At its 1st plenary meeting, on 26 June 2006, the Conference, in accordance with rule 4 of its rules of procedure, appointed a Credentials Committee having the same composition as the Credentials Committee of the General Assembly at its sixtieth regular session, consisting of the following Member States: Cameroon, China, Panama, Portugal, Saint Lucia, Samoa, Sierra Leone, Russian Federation and United States of America.

2. The Credentials Committee held its meeting on 29 June 2006.

3. Mr. Ricardo Alberto Arias (Panama) was unanimously elected Chairman of the Committee.

4. The Committee had before it a memorandum by the Secretary-General of the Conference, dated 29 June 2006, concerning the credentials of representatives of the States participating in the Conference. A representative of the Office of Legal Affairs of the Secretariat made a statement in which he, inter alia, updated the memorandum, indicating credentials and communications received subsequent to its preparation.

5. As indicated in paragraph 1 of the memorandum and the related statement, formal credentials of representatives to the Conference, in the form required by rule 3 of the rules of procedure of the Conference, had been submitted by the following 72 States: Albania, Andorra, Australia, Bahamas, Bangladesh, Brazil, Bulgaria, Cambodia, Canada, China, Colombia, Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Djibouti, Ecuador, El Salvador, Estonia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Grenada, Guatemala, Haiti, Holy See, Hungary, Iceland, India, Ireland, Israel, Jamaica, Kenya, Latvia, Lesotho, Liberia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Mexico, Monaco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Nigeria, Norway, Pakistan, Panama, Paraguay, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Moldova, Russian Federation, San Marino, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Slovakia,

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Slovenia, South Africa, Suriname, Sweden, Switzerland, Tajikistan, Thailand, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago and Zambia.

6. As indicated in paragraph 2 of the memorandum and the related statement, information concerning the appointment of representatives of States to the Conference had been communicated to the Secretary-General of the Conference by means of a facsimile communication from the Head of State or Government or Minister for Foreign Affairs or by means of a letter or note verbale from the permanent mission concerned by the following 55 States: Algeria, Antigua and Barbuda, Armenia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Belarus, Belgium, Benin, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Costa Rica, Egypt, Finland, Gabon, Gambia, Georgia, Iraq, Italy, Japan, Kyrgyzstan, Lebanon, Malaysia, Marshall Islands, Micronesia (Federated States of), Mongolia, Montenegro, Namibia, Nauru, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Oman, Republic of Korea, Rwanda, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Samoa, Sierra Leone, Solomon Islands, Sri Lanka, Sudan, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Tonga, Tunisia, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Viet Nam and Zimbabwe.

7. As indicated in paragraph 3 of the memorandum and the related statement, the following 66 States participating in the Conference have not made any communication to the Secretary-General of the Conference regarding their representatives: Afghanistan, Angola, Argentina, Barbados, Belize, Bhutan, Brunei Darussalam, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Chad, Chile, Comoros, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Fiji, France, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Honduras, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kiribati, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Malawi, Maldives, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Morocco, Nepal, Niger, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Peru, Romania, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, Serbia, Seychelles, Somalia, Spain, Swaziland, Syrian Arab Republic, Timor-Leste, Tuvalu, Uganda, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Uzbekistan, Vanuatu, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) and Yemen.

8. The Chairman recommended that the Committee accept the credentials of the representatives of all States mentioned in the memorandum of the Secretary-General of the Conference on the understanding that formal credentials for representatives of the States referred to in paragraphs 6 and 7 above would be communicated to the Secretary-General of the Conference as soon as possible.

9. On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee adopted the following draft resolution:

The Credentials Committee,

Having examined the credentials of the representatives to the United Nations Conference to Review Progress Made in the Implementation of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects of the States referred to in the memorandum of the Secretary-General of the Conference dated 29 June 2006,

Taking into account the statements made during the debate,

Accepts the credentials of the representatives of the States concerned.

10. The draft resolution proposed by the Chairman was adopted without a vote.

11. The Chairman then proposed that the Committee recommend to the Conference the adoption of a draft resolution (see para. 13 below). The proposal was adopted without a vote.

12. In the light of the foregoing, the present report is submitted to the Conference.

Recommendation of the Credentials Committee

13. The Credentials Committee recommends to the Conference the adoption of the following draft resolution:

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The Conference,

Having considered the report of the Credentials Committee and the recommendation contained therein,

Approves the report of the Credentials Committee.